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C. & O. R. R.

Is Now In New Hands.

A More Progressive Policy is Promised by the New Owners.

Washington, Jan. 30.—For years and years the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad has been drifting and struggling along, its stockholders realizing little, if any, returns for their investment. It cost the late Col. P. Huntington millions upon millions to build it and since then millions more have been expended in improvements. For the last thirty years the road has been seriously handicapped for the lack of money for its development.

Fortunately for the South and the stockholders of the road this handicap has been taken off and in a few weeks the road will stand upon its own feet and become one of the great trunk lines of the country, with connections from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. The controlling interest in the stock of the C. and O. has been purchased by a syndicate of nine wealthy men, prominently identified with the railroad interests of the country. The syndicate represents a capital of not less than \$150,000,000.

It is headed by such well-known capitalists as Edwin Hawley, Harry Walters, of Baltimore and New York; the owner of the Atlantic Coast Line, which has the largest ownership in the L. & N.; E. H. Huntington, of the Pacific Coast, a nephew of the late C. P. Huntington, a man of great wealth. In addition to these three large bonding houses in Baltimore and New York are included in the syndicate. It is conceded here that even E. H. Harriman, the railroad wizard, could not break through the lines of this strong combination.

With all the money necessary, it is now the object of the new owners to develop the property and make the road one of the best in the country and this will be done.

The Courier-Journal correspondent can state, upon the highest authority, that no important changes will be made under the new management. Messrs. Hawley and Huntington are warm friends of George W. Stevens, and they recognize in him a most capable railroad man, and he will be retained as president.

Associated with Mr. Hawley in the purchase of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad are Frank Trumbull, who is soon to retire from the presidency of the Colorado and Southern railroad, recently sold by Mr. Hawley to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and F. W. Scott, of the banking firm of Richmond. The so-called Hawley roads are the Toledo, St. Louis and Western; the Chicago & Alton, the Iowa Central and the Minneapolis and St. Louis. The Chesapeake and Ohio connects with none of them, and the transaction has aroused speculation as to whether it was proposed to connect the line with either the Clover Leaf or Alton.

Two roads now in the hands of receivers might serve this purpose after a fashion, the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton, providing a line between the Chesapeake and Ohio at Cincinnati, and the Clover Leaf and Toledo, and the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville, a line between Cincinnati and the Alton and Chicago.

A meeting of the stockholders of the road will be held February 9, when the stock will be transferred to the new owners. The general offices of the company will remain at Richmond, as Fred W. Scott, of that city, is a member of the new syndicate. There is also a story that the Hawley syndicate may purchase the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton. The total amount of C. & O. common stock is 628,000 shares, and it is believed that the syndicate has control of nearly 400,000 of this. Edwin Hawley, who heads the syndicate is president of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad and the Iowa Central. He is from New York.

About fifty shares of the Chesapeake and Ohio stock are held in

Louisville and throughout Kentucky. The stock is now selling at \$61.14 a share, but it is the belief among railroad men that it will go to \$80 in the next year, providing business keeps up.

Skatorial.

On Thursday night of last week the Alphabet Club, otherwise the O. Y. S. & M. M. Club, issued about 60 invitations to their friends to meet at the rink and enjoy a social season, the floor being reserved and set apart for their especial use.

The invitations were generally accepted, and the result was a thronged building and a very pleasant occasion. The band was there in full uniform and added much to the pleasure of the evening.

The skating began early, and for several hours the fun was continuous, broken occasionally by a fall which produced no bad results. About 11 o'clock or thereabouts tables were prepared in the skating room and a most appetizing luncheon was spread. It was certainly a feast of good things. Chicken sandwiches, croquettes, olives, pickles, in fact everything which makes a first-class luncheon was served unstintedly. The affair was a very delightful one, unmarred by anything of an unpleasant or disagreeable character.

They Still Fall About.

The inventor of the roller skate was a Dutchman named Merin, who emigrated to England in 1760. Eight years later he exhibited a "pair of skates contrived to run on wheels" at a museum and also gave public exhibitions of his prowess in skating over a smooth floor, playing a violin the while. It appears, however, that his demonstrations were on occasions rather more exciting than successful, for it is recorded that he used to fall about and smash into mirrors and pictures which covered the walls of the rooms.

In this regard he was in no wise ahead of some of his followers in Louisa.

BLANCHE K. WEBB

Dies of Consumption in the State of Washington.

The following from the Wenatchee, (Wash.) Daily World concerns the untimely death of a bright young girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Webb, formerly of Webbville, this county:

Word spread rapidly over the city yesterday that Blanche K. Webb passed away at 1:30 in the afternoon. This caused much surprise among the popular young lady's friends. She was known to be making a brave fight against the tuberculosis trouble which had gripped her young life, and she was on the street Saturday and was out sleigh-riding Friday evening.

The young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. D. Webb and came to this city two years ago with her parents. She at once entered the high school and was making a good record there when compelled to abandon her studies on account of failing health, which was the beginning of the end. During the last six months she grew steadily worse in spite of a most determined battle to regain her strength. Miss Blanche was born November 29, 1890, in Webbville, Ky.

The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and her beautiful character was admired by all who had the good fortune to enjoy an acquaintance. Her remarkable unselfishness was especially commented upon by those who knew her best.

On account of the serious illness of Mrs. Webb, caused by the shock of the affliction, the funeral will be private and at the home on Methow street, at 10:30 tomorrow morning. Dr. Stevenson will officiate. From 9:30 to 10 o'clock, friends of the family may see the remains for the last time. Interment will be held in the Wenatchee cemetery.

R. A. M.

Louisa Chapter is Visited by High Officials.

No less a personage than the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was within our gates this week. This exalted Royal Arch Mason is Judge L. T. Everett, of Catlettsburg. He with J. H. Ewalt and M. H. H. Davis, of Paris, and A. A. Hazelrigg, of Mt. Sterling, visited Louisa for the purpose of inspecting Louisa Chapter No. 95, R. A. M.

A meeting for business was held in the Chapter room on Wednesday evening, at the close of which the Chapter and invited guests repaired to the dining room of the Brunswick Hotel where the manager, Arch McClure, had prepared and spread a most elegant banquet. Nearly forty set down and enjoyed the following

MENU:
Blue Points on Shell
Radishes Olives Celery Hearts
Turkey with Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Green Peas Sliced Tomatoes
Mashed Potatoes Escalloped Oysters
Chicken Salad
Salted Almonds
Brick Cream Strawberries
Angel Food Cake Coffee
Cigars

It was nearly "low 12" when the banqueters departed greatly pleased with the character and service of the delightful repast. In addition to those already mentioned there were present Harry Kilgore, Catlettsburg, M. C. Kirk, Inez, and Dr. T. D. Burgess, of Matestan. Lack of space prevents a more extended notice of this pleasant occasion.

School Notes.

Chas. Turman, a former student of the K. N. C., spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Louisa.

Four States are now represented in the K. N. C., and each student is doing credit to his State and college.

Rev. A. B. Withers, of Bridgeport, W. Va., an alumnus of Lebanon University, spent Sunday with Prof. and Mrs. Kennison. Mr. Withers who is now actively engaged in Sunday school work throughout West Virginia, is a disciple of independent normalism, and praises highly the work of Kentucky Normal College.

The energy, determination and cheerfulness manifested in the teachers and pupils of the K. N. C., have done much to bring about her success and the persevering student will find that the spirit of tenacity and independence here cultivated will be important factors in the pursuit of his future vocation.

The Delta Phi, Little Giant and other literary societies have dedicated in favor of the Jefferson Debating Society, of the Kentucky Normal College. In this society the "Classic, Scientific, Commercial, and in fact every course from Post Graduate to Normal is represented. Everything moves along harmoniously and energetically, and it is believed that much mutual benefit will result from this association.

It is the aim of the Kentucky Normal College to better prepare young men and women of Eastern Kentucky for a successful battle with the world, and every effort is made to cultivate active, independent thinking along the various lines of work which any student may wish to pursue. In whatever way your talent leads you will here find a suitable and efficient course. It is a competent, prosperous and useful alumni, not wealth, which the faculty desires, and the instructors will heartily co-operate with you in your efforts to fully develop your abilities.

February 25,

Some one has asked, "When does Lent begin?" Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 25,

and is the beginning of the Lenten season. Six weeks from the following Sunday will be Easter, April 11. Society has twenty days in which to participate in winter joys before the penitential season arrives, and in this stated period much can be accomplished. This winter has been a busy one from a social standpoint and it looks as though it would be quite gay for the next three weeks.

Dr. Burgess Moving to Louisa.

Dr. Thos. D. Burgess has sold all his property at Matestan, W. Va., and will move to Louisa as soon as he can get possession of his residence property at this place occupied by C. F. Millender. He will fit up a fine suite of offices on the second floor of his new concrete building on Main Cross street.

Dr. Burgess has been in the practice for several years and is very successful, both as a general practitioner and as a surgeon. His reputation extends over a considerable territory surrounding Mingo county. For several years he has had the medical supervision of the forces employed by several large coal companies, besides taking care of a large private practice.

Dr. Burgess owns the Major D. J. Burchett brick residence and grounds adjoining the U. S. government property. He purchased it about three years ago with the intention of making Louisa his permanent home at some indefinite time. He regards this town as an ideal place to live and he and his interesting family will receive a hearty welcome.

Money in Ducks.

The News commends the reading of the following to its young friends in the country. It is taken from a Bluegrass paper, but what was done by boys there can be done by boys here:

"Master Joe Cook, of Ceclian, sold in 1908 from 4 ducks and a drake \$3.36 worth of young stock, \$4.20 worth of eggs, beside keeping 56 for setting. He has one and one-half pounds of feathers worth 25 cents per pound and 11 young ducks valued at 65 cents apiece, making a total of \$9.33, adding the value of young stock and feathers on hand make \$16.18 or an average of \$3.24 a head, and he still has his four old ducks left. The turtles and a dog caught 12 of the young stock after they were about feathered out. His young stock commenced laying the 23rd of this month."

Their Faith Was Warm.

It was truly a dramatic scene which transpired at the foot of Eleventh street yesterday forenoon when 6 persons were led into the icy waters of the Ohio river and baptized by immersion in the Huntington Herald-Dispatch. The announcement had been made on Saturday that the services would be held regardless of the state of the weather. However, it was really not believed that it was possible that the program would be carried out. But when the time came, with the mercury almost down to zero, the applicants, who were two women and four boys, were on hand and declared their willingness to undergo the ordeal. Rev. Morgan who has been conducting the revival services down there for several weeks was prepared for his work and in the presence of a large crowd the applicants were immersed.

Painful Accident.

Cluster Spencer, an employee of the News office, was painfully hurt last Saturday afternoon while feeding a job press. In order to rest one foot he sought a resting place for it by placing it on the press. By some means it was caught in a cog wheel and the result was that all the flesh was torn from the second toe on the left foot and the loss of a nail on the great toe. He went to the hospital where the injury was dressed and he is now doing as well as could be expected.

Dr. Z. A. Thompson informs us that the condition of Mrs. Thompson is not quite so favorable at present. Her friends earnestly hope for her complete recovery.—Pikeville correspondent to Ashland Independent.

FARMERS

Should be Securing Contracts for Selling Tomato Crop.

Contracts for growing tomatoes for the Louisa Canning factory are already being signed by the farmers in this vicinity. There is more money in it and earlier cash returns than any other crop that can be produced. In addition to this a tomato crop builds up the land instead of wearing it out. The tomato is one of the nitrogen gathering plants and the farmer who reads knows what this means.

Now is the time to secure a contract if you want it. Ask Jesse H. McKinstar about his experience with the crop if you want to know what can be done.

The prospects for the year are such that farmers need to look more carefully to their plans for this season than for some time in the past.

The NEWS will soon publish complete directions for successfully handling a tomato crop.

"He Seen His Shadder."

This declaration made by a weather prophet on Main Street last Tuesday morning was highly incorrect as to grammar but as to fact it was eminently true. Not being aware of blindness, the poor little ground hog certainly "seen his shadder" if he was fool enough to come out of his hole very early in the day. But he very likely came out, not only on the day named for his hogship but on every sunny day during the winter. "Uncle" John Picklesimer says he has seen "em run across the road at all times of the year. Quite likely we shall have forty days of bad weather before spring finally settles down to regular business. There are twenty-six more days of February, and it's a mighty poor March that can't furnish the fourteen to make up the forty.

THREE DEATHS.

A Trio of Good Citizens Called to Judgment.

George W. Johnson, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of White's Creek, W. Va., died at his residence last Sunday morning after a long and painful illness caused mostly by malignant tuberculosis and the infirmities of age. Mr. Johnson was in all respects a worthy citizen, held in high esteem by those who knew him best. He was the grandfather of Mrs. H. G. Wellman, of this city, who had been frequently with him during his last illness but who was prevented by sickness from attending the burial. Mr. Wellman, however, was present. Mr. Johnson was a Mason and Master of the White's Creek lodge. The fraternity in large numbers participated in the funeral rites. He was 75 years of age.

Last Sunday morning the final summons came very suddenly to John M. Edwards, one of the best and most prominent men in the Blaine section of this county. He had been in perfect health up to the fateful day, and soon after breakfast on that morning he went out as usual to feed his stock. He did not return, but thinking he had gone elsewhere his family felt no uneasiness on this account. Late that afternoon his dead body was found in the stable. It bore no marks of violence, and it is presumed that he died of heart failure. Mr. Edwards was about 50 years of age and left a widow and children. He was buried with the honor of Masonry.

Ezekiel Wooten, aged 42 years, and son of George Wooten, deceased, died at his home in Louisa Tuesday night after a long sickness of pulmonary consumption. After a short service at the house the body was taken to the old family graveyard on Lick creek for interment yesterday morning. The deceased

left a widow and two children and is survived by his aged mother and a brother who reside in Louisa. Mr. Wooten was a good citizen, valued and industrious. For a long time he was an employee of Col. Jay H. Northup, handling ties and timber.

Knights of the Forceps.

The meeting of the dentists of Eastern Kentucky held at the Y. M. C. A. parlors in Ashland Sunday was quite a successful one, there being a splendid representation of the profession present from all over the territory proposed to be comprised within the association. Altogether there were more than a dozen doctors at the meeting which was harmonious throughout.

An organization was effected with the following as the first year's officers: President, Dr. R. H. Leets, of Prestonsburg; Vice President, Dr. J. A. Tauber, of Catlettsburg; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. T. H. Williams, of Ashland.

The organization was formally designated the Eastern Kentucky Dental Association.

The territory covered by this association is that of the Ninth and Tenth Congressional Districts. The next meeting will be held the first Saturday in April and hereafter the body will hold regular meetings every three months.—Catlettsburg Tribune.

Blood Hounds.

Constable J. L. Woodford, of Freeburn, Ky., has secured two blood hounds and will use them in his official work from this time on. The dogs are the same that figured in the fatal Vinson raid at Webb some weeks ago. Mr. Woodford secured them at Louisa. The dogs come of full blooded stock and their parents were brought to Louisa from the famous Kennels at the Georgia State penitentiary. By all means will have a rough time of it in the upper end of Pike from this date it would seem.—Williamson Enterprise.

Short But Busy.

The present month, the shortest of the twelve is bristling with holidays and other days of note. First comes the 12th, the new legal holiday, Lincoln's birthday. Following this comes Valentine's Day, the 14th. Then on the 22nd we must pay due attention to that greatest secular holiday, Washington's birthday. And we must not alight the second, only recently passed. It is safe to assert that in some regions ground hog day is kept in mind and more anxiously looked for than are the other noted days.

The Mule Case.

The famous mule case between M. F. Swetnam and John Miller was settled in Circuit Court last Saturday, this being the eighth trial. Miller recovered the mule, but upon the questions in the case involving the large amount of costs, etc., decision was reserved until the next term of circuit court. Only that branch of the case involving the possession of the mule was decided.

The costs of the seven trials in Quarterly Court amount to about \$700, and the costs in the Circuit Court are to be added to this.

Kentucky Normal College.

Unless extremely cold weather interferes with the work the new Kentucky Normal College building should be ready for occupancy by week after next.

New pupils continue to come in almost every day and the school is in a very flourishing condition. The work being done is of the high order that has established the reputation of the K. N. C.

Maysville, Ky., Jan. 25th.—Last night at the M. E. church, here pastor Rev. W. F. Harrop, astonished the large congregation by making the following announcement: "Unfortunately the church was built before the merry widow hats, and the ladies will please remove their headgear." For the first time in Maysville, the request was granted. Rev. Harrop is well known by many in Louisa where he has often preached.